

June 28, 2016

Via Electronic Filing

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 14-58

2016 ETC Annual Report Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 and 54.422 2016 ETC Annual Report of Northern Valley Communications, Study Area Code 396340

Dear Secretary,

On behalf of Northern Valley Communications, we have attached for filing the FCC Form 481 ETC annual reporting information pursuant to 47 CFR 54.313 and 47 CFR 54.422 of the Commission's rules.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure(s)

cc: Tanya Berndt, Chief Financial Officer, Northern Valley Communications Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division

FCC F	form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<015	i> Study Area Name	Northern Valley Communications, LLC	
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<035	Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030>	6057251073 ext.	
<039	> Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	tanyab@nvc.net	
	Form Type	54.313	

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	ervice Quality Improvement Reporting			FCC Form 481			
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	tanyab@nvc.ne	et				
<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	(yes	/ no) 🔘 💽				
	If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5		\cdot \cdot \cap \cap				
<111>	year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes	/no)				
<112>	If your answer to Line <111> is yes, please file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service. Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.	company is a					
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				Name of Attached Document			
	Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to cont that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its fiv service quality improvement plan pursuant to §54.202(a). The information shall submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.	ve-year					
<113>	Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets			7			
<114>	Report how much universal service (USF) support was received						
<115>	How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to impr	rove service quality		┥			
<116>	How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to im			╡			
<117>	How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity.	=	_	=			
<118>	Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.	33.7100 oaput		_			

(200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice)	FCC Form 481
Data Collection Form	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
	July 2013

Data Coll	ection Form									/ 2013	-0986/OIVIB CONTROL N	0. 3060-0819
<010>	Study Area Co	ode				396340						
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	NORS Reference Number	Outage Start Date	Outage Start Time	Outage End Date	Outage End Time	Number of Customers Affected	Total Number of Customers	911 Facilities Affected (Yes / No)	Service Outage Description (Check all that apply)	Did This Outage Affect Multiple Study Areas (Yes / No)	Service Outage Resolution	Preventative Procedures

•	fulfilled Service Request lection Form				FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control I July 2013	No. 3060-0819
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<300> U	Infulfilled service request (voice)		0			
<310> [Detail on attempts (voice)					
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<320>	Unfulfilled service request (broadband)		0			
<330>	Detail on attempts (broadband)					-
		N	Name of Attached Document			

(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers	FCC Form 481
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<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice calendar year for each service area in which any facilities you own, operate, lease, or o	telephony service in the prior Offered of you are designated an ETC for	only fixed voice
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed v	0.0	
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile	voice	
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate end-user customer complaints (zero or gro the prior calendar year for each service ar an ETC for any facilities you own, operate,	ater) for broadband service in Offered a in which you are designated	only fixed broadband
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed by	roadband 0.0	
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile	broadband	

	npliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules ection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer pro-	otection rules Yes	
<510>	Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Ru	396340SD510.pdf ules Compliance	

(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations	FCC Form 481
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<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	396340SD610.pdf

(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data Data Collection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013			
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<701> Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date 1/1/2016 <702> Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge					

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Ī					Residential Local			Mandatory Extended Area	
}	State	Exchange (ILEC)	SAC (CETC)	Rate Type	Service Rate	State Subscriber Line Charge	State Universal Service Fee	Service Charge	Total per line Rates and Fees
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(710) Broadbrand Price Offerings	FCC Form 481
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	State	Exchange (ILEC)	Residential Rate	State Regulated Fees	Total Rate and Fees	Broadband Service - Download Speed (Mbps)	Broadband Service - Upload Speed (Mbps)	Usage Allowance (GB)	Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached {select }
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(800) Ope	erating Companies			FCC Form 481
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Northern Valley Communications		
<811>	Holding Company	James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company		

<812> Operating Company

<813>	<a1></a1>	<a2></a2>	<a3></a3>
	Affiliates	SAC	Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation
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(900) Tri	ibal Lands Reporting	FCC Form 481
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<900>	Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N)	No
<910>	Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves	
<920>	Tribal Government Engagement Obligation	Name of Attached Document
to confi	company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes firm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, strates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to 3(a)(9) includes:	Select Yes or No or Not Applicable
<921> <922> <923> <924> <925> <926> <927> <928> <927> <928> <929>	Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions. Feasibility and sustainability planning; Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner; Compliance with Rights of way processes Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements Compliance with Facilities Siting rules Compliance with Environmental Review processes Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.	

	oice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability lection Form		FCC Form 4 OMB Contr July 2013	181 rol No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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<1000>	Voice services rate comparability certification	Yes		
<1010>	Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance	3963	0SD1010.pdf	
			Name of Attached Document	
<1020>	Broadband comparability certification		- Pricing is no more than the most red Wireline Competition Bureau	cent applicable benchmark announced by
<1030>	Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance	39634	0SD1030.pdf	
			Name of Attached Document	

(1100) N	o Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting	FCC Form 481
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<1100>	Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)	Yes
<1130>	Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).	

(1200) Te	rms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	FCC Form 481
Lifeline		OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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<1210>	Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans	Name of Attached Document
<1220>	Link to Public Website HTTP	
or the we	heck these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, bsite listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to (a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must report:	
<1221>	Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,	
<1222>	Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,	
<1223>	Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.	

(2000) Price Ca	ap Carrier Additional Documentation	FCC F	orm 481
Data Collectio	n Form	OMB	Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
Including Rate	-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers	July 2	013
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<039> Con	tact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> tanyab@nvc.net		
Select the a	appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a rec	cipient of Incremental High Cost support, High C	ost support to offset access charge reductions,
and Conne	ct America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The infor	mation reported on this form and in the docume	ents attached below is accurate.
Inc	remental Connect America Phase I reporting		
<2010>	2nd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(i) - Note that for the July 1		
	2016 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental		
	Support		
<2011>	3rd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 1		
	2016 certification, this applies to Round 1 recipients of Incremental		
	Support		
<2022>	Recipient certifies, representing year two after filing a notice of		
\2022>			
	acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in		
	question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives		
	Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for		
	projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4		
	Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.		
<2023>	The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount	01	
	capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect		
	America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of censu	ıs	
	blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year two -		
	54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.		
<2024A>	Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?		
<2024B>	Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year	Name of Attached Document Listing	
\Z0Z+D>	two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.	Required Information	
		Required information	
<2025A>	Round 1 or Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?		
<2025B>	Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 1 fo	r Name of Attached Document Listing	
\2023 D>	=	=	
	year three and Round 2 for year two) - Connect America Fund , WC	Required Information	
	Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-		
<2015>	2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)		
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Data Collection For	rrier Additional Documentation (Continued) m eturn Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013		
<2016>	Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)} Certification support used to build broadband			
	America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}			
<2017A>	Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?			
<2017B>	Attach information for Phase II - 54.313(e)(1) - list of geocoded locations already meeting the 54.309 public interest obligations at the end of calendar year 2015 and total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information		
<2018>	cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2015. Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(2)(ii)	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information		
<2019>	Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(2)(v)			
<2020>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 40% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2017 - 54.313(e)(3)			
<2021>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 60% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2018 - 54.313(e)(4)			
<2026>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 80% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2019 - 54.313(e)(5)			
<2027>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 100% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2020 - 54.313(e)(6)			

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation	FCC Form 481
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Complete the items below to note compliance with five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3009)	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)		
(3010A)	Milestone Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}	Γ	
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3012A)	Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR §	ſ	
(3012B)	54.313(f)(1)(ii)} Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required	
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}	Information (Yes/No)	
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No)	
(3015)	Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires: Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)		
(3016)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited? If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line	(Yes/No)	
(3019)	3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains: Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers		
(3020)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		
(3021)	Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit. If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:		
(3022)	Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers		
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant		
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.		
(3025)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)	FCC Form 481
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Financial Data Summary	
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(3027) Revenue	
(3028) Operating Expenses	
(3029) Net Income	
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(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)	
(3031) Total Assets	
(3032) Total Debt	
(3033) Total Equity	
(3034) Dividends	

(4005) Rural Broadband Experiment Additional Documentation	FCC Form 481
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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

Yes

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

No - No New Anchors

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If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

4004a. Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

396340SD4004b.pdf

4004b. Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the relevant geographic area.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

Certification - Reporting Carrier	FCC Form 481
Data Collection Form	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
	July 2013

<010>	Study Area Code	396340
<015>	Study Area Name	Northern Valley Communications, LLC
<020>	Program Year	2017
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Tanya Berndt
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	6057251073 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	tanyab@nvc.net

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients

I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.

Name of Reporting Carrier: Northern Valley Communications, LLC

Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE Date 06/21/2016

Printed name of Authorized Officer: James Groft

Title or position of Authorized Officer: $^{ ext{CEO}}$

Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 6057251054 ext.

Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 396340 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2016

Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

I certify that (Name of Agent) is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrie also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent:	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date:
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent	Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipie	ents on Behalf of Reporting Carrier
	norized to submit the annual reports for universal service support reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the informat	
Name of Reporting Carrier:		
Name of Authorized Agent Firm:		
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:		Date:
Name of Authorized Agent Employee:		
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agen	t	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of A	gent:	
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(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data	FCC Form 481
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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date 1/1/2016	
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	

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State Exchange (ILEC) SAC (CETC) Rate Type Service Rate State Subscriber Line Charge State Universal Service Fee Service Charge 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.	<c></c>
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Northern Valley	Total per line Rates and Fees
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(710) Broadband Price Off	ering
Data Collection Form	

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	State	Exchange (ILEC)	Residential Rate	State Regulated Fees	Total Rates and Fees	Broadband Service - Download Speed (Mbps)	Broadband Service -Upload Speed (Mbps)	Usage Allowance (GB)	Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached {select}
	SD	Northern Valley	43.95	0.0	43.95	25.0	3.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance
	SD	Northern Valley	53.95	0.0	53.95	50.0	5.0	999999	Other, No limit on usage allowance

(800) Operating Companies	FCC Form 481
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Northern Valley Communications	
<811>	Holding Company	James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company	
<812>	Operating Company	Northern Valley Communications, LLC	

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	Affiliates	SAC	Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation
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	James Valley Wireless, LLC	399014	JVW
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Sec. 54.313(a)(5) Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules Compliance

Pursuant to § 54.313(a)(5) for High-cost Recipients, Northern Valley Communications, LLC

hereby certifies that it is in compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer

protection rules. Northern Valley Communications, LLC follows Customer Proprietary Network

Information (CPNI) rules and also files the annual CPNI certification with the FCC pursuant to

the FCC's current CPNI rules and regulations. Customer privacy notice information is attached.

Northern Valley Communications, LLC has also implemented an Identity Theft Prevention

Program in accordance with the federal Red Flags Rule.

I verify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on June 10, 2016.

James Groft, CEO

Important Notice Regarding Your Account OPT-OUT CPNI NOTICE

Northern Valley Communications (NVC) is requesting your approval to access, use, disclose, or distribute your Customer Proprietary Network Information (or "CPNI") for certain purposes. CPNI consists of the call, service and billing records regarding your use of the telecommunications services that you purchase from us (e.g., the telephone numbers you call; the frequency, timing and duration of your calls; and the telecommunications and information services you purchase).

NVC is requesting your approval to use your CPNI for the following purposes only: to develop and market new and additional services and to determine which customers may benefit from these services and enhancements. Use of CPNI data will allow NVC to tailor our service offerings to your individual needs.

For this purpose, CPNI data will be used by NVC only. This data will not be shared by NVC with any other outside source except as necessary and required to provide the service(s) to which you are already subscribed, and unless we are legally compelled to.

You have a right to the confidentiality of your CPNI, and NVC and other carriers have a duty, under federal law, to protect that confidentiality. You have a right to approve or disapprove the proposed access, use, disclosure and/or distribution of your CPNI.

If you approve, NVC may be better able to offer products and services tailored to your needs. Your approval will be valid for up to two years, but you may revoke or limit it at any time by notifying NVC in writing that you are doing so. If you disapprove, it will not affect the provision to you of any of the existing services which you purchase from NVC. However, we will not be able to use your CPNI to develop and offer to you new or additional services or service packages. Your disapproval will remain in effect until you revoke or limit it, which you may do in writing at any time.

If you are willing to give NVC your approval for the proposed use of your CPNI, you need do nothing further. Your approval will be deemed to have been granted thirty-three (33) days after this notice was sent to you. If you do not approve the proposed use of your CPNI, you need to sign and date the form below and return it to NVC in the enclosed envelope, or fax it to NVC at 725-1050, or call NVC's business office at 725-1000 during regular business hours (or by dialing 611 from your home phone) or email us at marketing@nvc.net.

use of CPNI for the customer account sp	CE, and DO NOT approve of the proposed ecified below.
Customer Name	Phone Number
Customer Billing Address	
Signature	—— (C
Date	
	NORTHERN VALLEY

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Sec. 54.313(a)(6) Ability to Function in an Emergency Situation

Pursuant to § 54.313(a)(6) for High-cost Recipients, Northern Valley Communications, LLC

hereby certifies that it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in § 54.202(a)(2).

Northern Valley Communications, LLC is able to remain functional in an emergency situation

through the use of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source.

Northern Valley Communications, LLC has backup battery (or equivalent power) reserve in its

central office, which enables it to provide service for a reasonable period of time if external

power is lost. Northern Valley Communications, LLC's network is engineered to handle

reasonable excess traffic in the event of traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations.

Northern Valley Communications, LLC has redundancy in its network for use in re-rerouting

traffic when facilities are damaged.

I verify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on June 10, 2016.

James Groft, CEO

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47 CFR 54.313(a)(10) - Voice Services Rate Comparability

Pursuant to 47 CFR 54.313(a)(10) for High-cost Recipients, Carrier hereby certifies that the

pricing of Carrier's voice services is no more than two standard deviations above the applicable

national average urban rate for voice service, as specified in the most recent public notice issued by the

Wireline Competition Bureau and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

The WCB announced that the average local end-user rate plus state regulated fees of the

surveyed incumbent LECs in urban areas is \$41.07. This was published in the FCC's Public Notice,

WC Docket No. 10-90, DA 16-362, released April 5, 2016. Carrier's voice service rates are less than

two standard deviations in relation to the applicable 2016 national average urban rate as established by

the WCB.

I verify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on June 10, 2016.

James Groft, CEO

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47 CFR 54.313(g) - Broadband Services Rate Comparability

Pursuant to 47 CFR 54.313(g) for High-cost Recipients, Carrier hereby certifies that the pricing of Carrier's broadband services is no more than two standard deviations above the applicable national average urban rates for broadband service, as specified in the most recent public notice issued by the Wireline Competition Bureau and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

The following table was published in the FCC's Public Notice, WC Docket No. 10-90, DA 16-362, released April 5, 2016. The table provides the 2016 benchmark for a number of different broadband service offerings.

Download Speed (Mbps)	Upload Speed (Mbps)	Usage Allowance (GB)	Benchmark
10	1	100	\$71.40
10	1	250	\$75.99
10	1	Unlimited	\$77.80
25 ⁹	5	250	\$95.08
25 ^{:0}	5	Unlimited	\$96.89

I verify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on June 10, 2016.

James Groft, CEO

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15-Digit Census Block	NECA assigned operating	Study Area Code	Latitude (to six	six decimal					Date of	Number
Code	company code (OCN)	(SAC)	decimal places)	places)	Street address	City	State	Zip Code	deployment	of unites
460139513002021	6125	396340	45.473538	-98.422065	38288 132nd Street	Aberdeen	SD	57401	9/10/2015	1
460139519001286	6125	396340	45.313936	-98.327792	39510 143rd Street	Stratford	SD	57474	12/2/2013	1
460139519003051	6125	396340	45.373001	-98.571320	38514 139th Street	Aberdeen	SD	57401	3/28/2014	1
460139519003112	6125	396340	45.312180	-98.536323	14319 385th Avenue	Mansfield	SD	57460	8/13/2014	1
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47 CFR 54.314 - RBE Public Service Obligations

Pursuant to § 54.314 for High-cost Recipients, Carrier hereby certifies that it is in compliance with

the Commission's latency or alternative service quality requirement and offers broadband to

identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations, including speed, latency,

usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates in urban areas. Carrier also

certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Carrier will be used in the coming calendar

year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the

support is intended.

Carrier uses 4G LTE technology to offer voice and broadband service of at least 10Mbps

downstream and 1Mbps upstream to residential and business locations. Carrier offers voice and

broadband service offerings include voice-only service for \$16.00 per month and a 25Mbps

downstream / 3Mbps upstream broadband-only offering for \$43.95 per month with unlimited

usage and < 100 millisecond latency. The bundled rate for the same voice and broadband

offering is \$59.95. The planned Lifeline offering will be a \$9.25 per month discount for a net voice

price of \$6.75 per month. There is not a discounted broadband plan for low-income consumers.

Qualifying Lifeline consumers are permitted to apply the Lifeline discount to bundled voice and

broadband services.

I yerify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on June 10, 2016.

James Groft, CEO